

join me in congratulating the Carbon County Commissioners on this great honor and thank them for their commitment to strengthening our community.

HONORING CONTRA COSTA  
TELEVISION'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MARK DESAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 21, 2019*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Contra Costa Television (CCTV) on its 25th anniversary.

CCTV was established by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors in 1994 as a governmental and educational access cable television channel. In addition to airing programming twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week on six channels, CCTV also live streams on its website and social media to reach over 350,000 homes in Contra Costa County. CCTV connects, informs, and entertains the community by airing Board of Supervisor and District meetings, in addition to other community meetings, events, public safety information, local sports, and local programming.

CCTV's award-winning programming includes Veterans' Voices, which won the Western Alliance Video Excellence award in 2016 and 2018 and the California State Association of Counties 2015 Merit Award. Additionally, CCTV has partnered with the Clerk-Recorder-Elections Department and local chapters of the League of Women Voters to provide the Elections Preview programs. This is the only locally produced voter education programming for broadcast and online streaming.

CCTV's slogan, "Making Television Part of the Solution," highlights its dedication to serving the community by providing public broadcasting and communicating County services for the last 25 years. In an era where local journalism is disappearing at an alarming rate, CCTV is a welcome presence in the Bay Area that shares information and brings the community together.

Please join me in honoring Contra Costa Television's 25th anniversary.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
DAVID SKILLMAN

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 21, 2019*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, this week, friends, colleagues, supporters, and family of David Skillman gathered to thank him for over a dozen years of outstanding Congressional service, most recently, as my Chief Counsel and Deputy Chief of Staff.

David is the very model of professionalism. His hard work and dedication to innovative policy making represent the very best of the men and women who make Congress function.

David came by his service honestly with parents who themselves were congressional staff early in their careers. David joked that as

an infant, he was the youngest staff member of his fourth district Congressman.

As he rose through the ranks in our office, he was unstinting in his work ethic, his insight, and his integrity. Accolades have poured into our office from his former colleagues from all over America who were touched by his leadership, mentorship, and friendship.

Together, with his wife Sara Chieffo, a senior executive at the League of Conservation Voters, they were perhaps the Capitol's premier "green power couple." David's fingerprints are on dozens of major pieces of legislation both from our office and the Ways and Means Committee. For over a decade, his impact has been profound and his legacy has made a difference to us all. His innate decency and intellect served as an inspiration to me and all of his colleagues. Whatever he does in the next phases of his career, we are better for his service and I know that his contributions will continue to make America better.

We thank him for his invaluable contribution to our office and to Congress. I am deeply indebted for his service and friendship.

JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH  
FOUNDATION ONE WALK

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 21, 2019*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, I walked in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation One Walk at Segra Park, home of the famous Columbia Fireflies, with members of the University of South Carolina chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. I am grateful to have been able to support such an important cause and walk in support of eradicating type 1 diabetes.

The money raised at the JDRF One Walk in Columbia supports life-changing research that gives hope to those impacted by type 1 diabetes. It is an autoimmune disease that strikes suddenly and is serious and stressful to families, challenging families across our district.

Currently, there is nothing that can be done to prevent type 1 diabetes and there is no cure. JDRF is a leader in funding diabetes research, motivated by their vision of a world without type 1 diabetes. This organization works tirelessly to improve the lives of those affected by this disease by accelerating life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent, and treat diabetes.

I appreciate JDRF Palmetto Chapter Development Director Beth McCrary for her hard work and success in coordinating the JDRF Walk in Columbia and for her advocacy for ending type 1 diabetes.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

CONGRATULATING THE DELAWARE & LEHIGH NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR ON RECEIPT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. DANIEL MEUSER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 21, 2019*

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor on receiving the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development Corporation's Economic Development Project of the Year Award.

The Economic Development Project of the Year Award highlights an outstanding economic development project designed to bring jobs and economic growth to Carbon County. A nationally recognized transportation route traversing railroads, canals, rivers and trails, the D&L is a magnificent piece of our community. In a shining example of a public and private cooperation the D&L National Heritage Corridor, Carbon County Commissioners and Jim Thorpe Borough constructed the much-anticipated pedestrian bridge in Jim Thorpe crossing the Lehigh River. The completion of this bridge allows Pennsylvanians of every age to step out across this beautiful gorge and appreciate the natural beauty of our state. It's just one more reason to visit Jim Thorpe.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor on this great honor and thank them for their commitment to strengthening our community.

IN HONOR OF LINDA LAURIA FOR  
HER THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF  
SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE

**HON. ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 21, 2019*

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a longtime public servant and NY-14 constituent, Linda Lauria.

On November 30, 2019, Linda Lauria, Public Affairs Specialist, will retire from the Social Security Administration. Linda's retirement will mark the close of a career that spans over 34 years of service.

Linda began her career with SSA in August 1973 as a Claims Development Clerk (GS-2, as she often proudly notes) in the East Bronx Social Security office. She was subsequently promoted to positions in the field including Service Representative, and Claims Representative before leaving the agency during February 1984 as a new mother.

Linda rejoined SSA during July 1996, as a Service Representative in the Jamaica Tele-service Center, and was promoted to Benefit Authorizer at the Northeastern Program Service Center during January 1998. She returned to the East Bronx Social Security office as a Claims Representative during September